



Battle Command Training and Integration Activities Report



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Chief's Comments

The day has come.... Warrior-T has transitioned to Combined Arms Command-Training as of 1 May 2003 and has been renamed the **Battle Command Training and Integration Division** (a sub-element of CAC-T's Collective Training Directorate). This is an exciting move for us as our mission expands to include training development and integration of digital battle staff training support products and tasks from the battalion task force to ARFOR/ASCC level across the range of all digital C4ISR systems.

The transition potentially leads to greater authorities and opportunities to work with various organizations in the battle command and digital C4ISR systems community. We of course will continue to bring you relevant and useful training products, product endorsements, and links to training products, schools, and organizations in the battle command and digital C4ISR systems arena. Our ultimate goal of advancing Army transformation and supporting current unit operational readiness will not change...



Immediate impacts of Warrior-T's transition to CAC-Training:

- ◆ Name change to **Battle Command Training and Integration Division** (BCTID)
- ◆ Slight change in organizational structure and responsibilities (see new branch titles throughout Activities Report)
- ◆ Increased ability to integrate with battle command training and doctrine elements within CAC
- ◆ AKO KCC site change to "BCTID (Warrior-T)"
- ◆ No immediate change to the web site – it is still www.warrior-t.army.mil
- ◆ No change in physical location or POC phone numbers
- ◆ Transfer of development responsibility for digital C4ISR systems individual tasks to the proponents. BCTID will retain a level of integration oversight
- ◆ Responsibility to develop CAC proponent digital C4ISR systems and collective battle command tasks
- ◆ *Still bringing you the same great training products with a new focus on the entire Army's digital advancement rather than just the first digital division's and interim brigades'*



**Training Support
Integration & Development**
POCs: MAJ Healy & Mr. Manson

Techniques and Procedures (T&P): Work continues on the development of additional modules of the T&P Series. We are currently finalizing the T&P Sub-module named, "Creating Tactically Oriented Map Views." The projected publication date for this T&P is late-May 2003; we will be sure to inform you when it becomes available on our web site. We have recently begun developing the next T&P Sub-module, "Conducting a Digital TOC Briefing," which has an estimated completion date of the end of July. Concurrently, we have also begun the initial research and analysis on our subsequent T&P Sub-module: "Performing the Digital Targeting Process."



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In all, we plan to develop fourteen Techniques & Procedures Sub-modules based on what others and we believe to be the current need of field units and institutional schools:

1. Using the JMTK Task Bar Drop Down Menus
2. Creating Tactically-Oriented Map Views
3. Conducting a Digital TOC Briefing
4. Performing the Digital Targeting Process
5. Conducting a Digitally Enhanced MDMF
6. Conducting Digital IPB
7. Performing Digitally Enhanced COA Analysis
8. Performing Digital C2 Rehearsal (DC2R)
9. Performing Collaboration
10. Displaying the COP
11. Displaying Relevant Info in the CIC
12. Creating a Tactical Event Picture
13. Conducting a Running Staff Estimate
14. Exchanging Relevant Info Between CPs

If you have suggestions for any additional topics, please let us know.

You can access our current T&P Modules at:
www.warrior-t.army.mil/docdetail.asp?docid=306.

POC: MAJ Healy

A2C2S TTP Manual: The Battle Command Proponency Division of TPIO-ABCS is developing FM 6-xxx, Army Airborne Command and Control System (A2C2S) Tactics, Techniques and Procedures.

POC: MAJ John Wright, 913-684-3026

Digital Dictionary: BCTID is finalizing a digital dictionary that identifies and defines the critical words, phrases, acronyms, and abbreviations used in the digital environment. Expect to be able to access this tool on our web site by the end of May.

POC: CPT Cathey



Task

Integration & Development

POCs: MAJ Collins & Mr. Hardy

ST 20-101-5-ABCS, Digital Brigade Battle Staff Collective Tasks: We continue work on the Digital Brigade Battle Staff (DBBS) Collective Task matrix:

- Modified DBBS task structure based on input from Battle Staff Collective Task Board convened at Armor Center on 3-4 April 2003.
- Linked DBBS collective tasks to UJTL and AUTL.
- Initiated work to validate DBBS task structure at other echelons of battle command (i.e., Battalion Task Force, Division, Corps, and ARFOR/ASCC).
- Posted a draft on BCTID (Warrior-T) AKO KCC site.

POC: MAJ Collins

Combined Arms Battle Staff Officers Course: BCTID is currently reviewing the individual staff officer tasks that form the basis of the Armor Center's proposed Combined Arms Battle Staff Officers Course. Course's purpose is to identify and train those key tasks and skills that staff officers must perform in order to be part of a successful battle staff.

POC: MAJ Collins

Battle Staff Task Map Viewer: BCTID has enhanced the Graphics Users Interface and provided more capabilities on its Battle Staff Task Map Viewer. If you have not used this comprehensive task tool in a while, we suggest you look at its



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usefulness in developing METLs and training plans for digitally enhanced units.

POC: MAJ Collins

CSSCS Operator and Integrator Individual

Tasks: BCTID is working with CASCOM to update all CSSCS individual tasks in the BCTID task database. Once updated, the tasks will be transferred to CASCOM, as the CSSCS proponent, for future maintenance and integration into their existing task database.

POC: Ms. Duenas and CPT Cathey



Collection & Dissemination

POC: Mr. McMillan

Observation of 3/2 SBCT IOC: BCTID has sent MAJ Healy and SFC Fry to Fort Polk to observe 3/2 SBCT's IOC and capture battle command and digital C4ISR systems lessons learned and emerging techniques and procedures for future use in our T&P Series and task development.

POC: MAJ Healy

ABCS Links & Resources: BCTID continues to develop a comprehensive battle command and digital C4ISR systems Links & Resources page for its web site. The page provides links to critical battle command and digital C4ISR systems organizations, schools, POCs, and endorsed training products.

POC: Mr. McMillan and Mr. Parker



Battle Command

C2 Training: PEO C3T has made its ABCS training courses available on AKO. To access, enter AKO, go to the lower left corner of the AKO home page and click on "Special Staff/FOA", then click on "Acquisition". This brings up the ASA (ALT) AKO home page. To the right of Mr. Bolton's picture is the "Acquisition Community Announcements" block. There is a hotlink for access to the PEO C3T AKO home page where you can find PEO C3T's three ABCS training products - Executive Overview, Information Assurance & Integration/Interoperability. For more info, contact:

jim.hodgin@hood-ctsffmail.army.mil

POC: MAJ Williamson

CGSC MMAS Battle Command Topics: BCTID is providing the CGSC Masters in Military Art and Science Thesis Director battle command topics for AY04. Our intent is to have CGSC students research emerging doctrine and promising ideas regarding digital battle command. The information presented in the research papers will be used by BCTID in its product development, forwarded to training and doctrine organizations for possible inclusion into their curriculum/doctrine, and lastly, used to further the digital battle command education of future critical battalion and brigade staff officers.

POC: MAJ Williamson

Digital Battle Command Threaded Discussion:

BCTID plans to work with CALL to establish a "Digital Battle Command" threaded discussion on CALL's web site. More to follow...

POC: Mr. McMillan



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Digital C4ISR Systems

A2C2S: Fielding of A2C2S has been greatly sped up as a result of Operations Enduring/Iraqi Freedom. Current distribution of A2C2S is one with the 101AA; two with 4ID; one with 3ID, and one with 1 CD. Planned final distribution is three with 101AA; four with 4ID; four with 3ID, and two with 1CD. Three variations of A2C2S exist and each provides a little different capabilities. However, overall comments from the field on A2C2S have been positive. Training is available from the TPIO-ABCS Battle Command Proponency Division. **POC: MAJ Healy**

ABCS Way Ahead: The ABCS Way Ahead will follow a 4-2-1 strategy where the current four variants of ABCS systems (6.3 Delta C2PC, 6.3 Delta MCS-L Beta, Other 4.3/6.3 variants, and 6.3 Digital) merge into two baseline systems (ABCS 6.3 Delta and 6.3 Digital) by the end of 2004. These two baselines will then lead into ABCS 7.0 Digital by the end of 2006. This provides the one battle command baseline that allows transferable digital skills, simplified task organization, and standardized training & simulation, which ultimately improves the Army's C4ISR warfightability. **POC: Mr. McMillan**

FBCB2 Blue Force Tracker: The future of FBCB2 Blue Force Tracker looks bright. A recent Congressional bill calls for development of a new blue force tracker with the Army building the Architecture. **POC: SFC Fry**

GCCS-A Training: GCCS-A training is available for units or individuals by contacting Andy West at 404-562-0233, toll-free 877-377-6128, westandrew@forscom.army.mil or Ray Santiago at 404-562-0234, toll-free 877-377-6128, santiagors@forscom.army.mil
POC: MAJ Williamson

We greatly appreciate your feedback on the value and contents of our Activities Report. Our aim is to provide useful Battle Command and digital C4ISR systems-related information that helps train soldiers. In doing so, we hope to open a collaborative dialogue that makes all Battle Command and digital C4ISR system-related products better able to achieve that goal. Send comments to [Mr. Gary McMillan](#) or [MAJ Steve Williamson](#)



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